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USDOC FOR BEWT/RICE AND BIC/OIM THOMAS FROM VITOUS/BLOW

1. VITOUS/BRANN ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN RENEWING VISAS--EMBASSY IS FURNISHING ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. ON APRIL 4, AT PAVILION #4, SOKOLNIKI PARK, VITOUS WAS FORMALLY NOTIFIED BY V. BRAZHNIKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF THE USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN EXHIBITIONS IN MOSCOW, OF THE FOLLOWING QUOTE:

QTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE "CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION" OF FOREIGN FIRMS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS AND ALSO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN PARTNERS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE U.S.A., THE CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE OF THE U.S.S.R. IS READY TO HELP WITH THE OBTAINING AND IF NECESSARY WITH THE EXTENSION OF VISAS FOR THE EXHIBITION STAFF DURING THE PERIOD AGREED UPON IN THE "CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION." NOW WE ARE READY TO HELP YOU TO OBTAIN VISAS TO THE HEALTH-74 FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 7 TILL JULY 1 AND FOR THE POLYMERY-74 FROM AUGUST 24 TILL SEPTEMBER 30.

IN THE CASES WHEN ON THE INITIATIVE OF ONE OF THE COOPERATING PARTNERS THERE ARISES A PROPOSAL OF THE ARRIVAL IN THE USSR OF A MEMBER OF THE STAFF BEFORE OR AFTER THE
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AGREED UPON PERIOD A WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF BOTH SIDES MUST

BE ACHIEVED BEFOREHAND. UNQTE.

2. MOVEMENT FROM PRESENT OFFICES TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE NOW DELAYED DUE TO MATERIAL ARRIVAL SCHEDULES.

3. VITOUS/BLOW AGREED TO AND HAVE ARRANGED FOR PURCHASE TWO MANUAL ENGLISH KEYBOARD TYPEWRITERS THROUGH FACILITIES AND ASSISTANCE OF US EMBASSY HELSINKI. THESE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN MOSCOW APRIL SIX. VITOUS ARRANGED FOR ONE IBM ELECTRIC ON LOAN FROM USIS, VIENNA FOR USE THROUGH POLYMERY. UNIT ETA WEEK COMMENCING APRIL SEVEN.

4. VISA APPLICATION SUSAN BLANCHARD, SECRETARY, HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT, FOR THE RECORD, WASHINGTON TELEGRAPH CONCURRENCE WITH HER EMPLOYMENT, FOR APPROVAL. WE HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE SOVIET SECRETARY REQUESTED IN WRITING FOR APRIL FIRST NOR HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY SATISFACTION FROM THE SOVIET BUREAU WHENCE SHE COMES ABOUT HER STARTING DATE OR EVEN IF SHE WILL BE STARTING. WE, THEREFORE, HAVE NO TYPISTS/SECRETARIES AT THIS TIME.

5. WE ARE CONTINUING TO FURNISH SOVIETS WITH EXHIBIT LISTS, PARTICIPANTS LISTS AND BROCHURES AS THEY ARE RECEIVED.

6. ON APRIL FOUR, RECEIVED DUPLICATE COPIES OF HEALTH-74 PLANS FROM ZAGREB OFFICE OF INTERPUBLIC FOR APPROVAL.

7. ON APRIL TWO, WE RECEIVED, REPEAT RECEIVED THE HEW PHOTOS FOR THE CATALOG AND EXHIBIT PLUS THE CAMERA READY TEXT IN RUSSIAN, WHICH REQUIRES REVISION FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE BY SOVIETS.

8. USEM/DMA MONTHLY BUDGET REPORTS WERE MAILED TO WASHINGTON APRIL ONE.

9. AMERICAN EXPRESS MOSCOW HAS NOW RECEIVED TELEX FROM THEIR WASHINGTON OFFICE LISTING 30 INDIVIDUALS FROM 12 COMPANIES AS OF APRIL FIRST REQUESTED HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HEALTH-74.

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10. HOPEFULLY EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WILL SECURE EXTENSION VITOUS' VISA ELIMINATING VITOUS FORCED DEPARTURE ON APRIL 9, BECAUSE OF EXPIRATION OF PRESENT VISA. BRANN'S VISA EXPIRES APRIL 19. EMBASSY ALSO WORKING ON RENEWAL HIS VISA. ON GENERAL QUESTION OF CHAMBER'S APPROACH TO VISAS FOR STAFF MEMBERS OF US EXHIBITS RAISED IN BRAZHNIKOV'S LETTER (PARA ONE ABOVE), EMBASSY HAS WRITTEN TO CHAMBER (OGANESYAN) POINTING OUT PROBLEMS WHICH CHAMBER'S POSITION

CAUSES. WE ASSUME THAT WE WILL HAVE OCCASION FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH OGANESYAN AND OTHERS IN NEAR
FUTURE.
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